

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

U.S. Pacific Muddle

THE assumption of the Nippon Premiership by Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki has been followed by great events in the Pacific theatre. The enemy in his mad island-hopping strategy is suffering staggering losses in men and material. In the Okinawa sector alone the enemy has lost 293 warcraft, either sunk or damaged, and over 4,000 American personnel killed or wounded since the invasion venture began.

The Pacific war has now reached the decisive stage.

The Americans are up against an insurmountable proposition and they know about it. Even Joseph Stilwell, Commanding General of the American Army Ground Forces, makes no secret of the formidable power that Nippon is today. The New York Times strongly endorses Stilwell's timely warning to Americans. It is even more emphatic than Stilwell that the road to victory over Nippon is long and beset with pitfalls.

While the Americans are getting more and more funky as they get closer to Nippon proper, the Nipponese themselves are coolly and confidently adopting measures which, they are confident, will eventually result in the annihilation of their enemy.

For example, the Nippon Navy is at this moment carefully augmenting its air strength, mobilising the full power of its land-based air forces scattered in various areas, and carrier-borne aircraft, including special ramming planes of Nippon's distinctive special attack corps.

Admiral Sankichi Takahashi, former Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Imperial Nippon Fleet, in a statement says that the Nippon Navy is determined to deal the enemy a fatal blow and is strenuously preparing for the opportunity which will enable it to hurl the full forces of its air might and surface units when the enemy ventures too close in his eagerness to invade the mainland of Nippon.

If a tiny and barren island like Iwojima has exacted such a terrific toll of American manpower and material resources, one can guess for himself what a ruinous price the Americans are going to pay for the Ryukyu Group.

The conquest of a group of islands, if ever achieved, would, by no means, presage victory for the Anglo-Americans. On the contrary, it would only hasten their fall into the death-trap a great and chivalrous nation of one hundred million determined people are preparing for the invaders of their homes and hearths.

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HEAVY WARS CONTINUING IN LUZON

Nippon Forces Repeatedly Repulse Enemy Thrusts; U.S. Losses Mounting

(By a Domei War Correspondent)

Luzon Front, April 9 (Domei)—As sanguinary fighting rages with unabated ferocity on various fronts in Luzon, Nippon forces in all sectors are successively repulsing repeated enemy thrusts and inflicting mounting losses on Yankee troops by storming counter-charges.

Although in the vicinity of Naguilian Road in the Baguio sector, the enemy attempted an attack on Sarra, six kilometres east of Burgos, about 11 p.m. on the night of April 4, our artillery units concentrated intense fire on them, wiping them out in one sweep. Again, on April 6 the enemy appeared in front of our lines with motor truck units, and, actively carrying on transportation of supplies, began construction of his positions. However, our synchronized infantry and artillery attacks inflicted considerable damage and repulsed them.

Meanwhile, Yankee forces in the Galiano area attempted an advance to the east of Asin, and by forming their lines on the northern side of Mount Lombay, are attempting to secure the road in that vicinity. Although enemy forces repeatedly shelled Mount Lombay and Mount Anpi, south of Mount Lombay, our intrepid forces dealt the enemy crushing blows each time and completely repulsed him.

On the night of April 6 our storm unit, in co-operation with a fierce enfilade carried on by our artillery units, made a dauntless charge and caused the heaviest losses in enemy ranks. On the other hand, due to constant rain all roads in this area have been turned into quagmires with the result that the enemy is having serious difficulties in transportation of supplies. However, the Kobayashi storming unit wading through muddy terrain and plunging deep into enemy lines, executed circling tactics and surprise-attacked a large enemy supply depot midway between Galiano and Aringay at 2 a.m. April 5. In this surprise action the Kobayashi unit blasted part of the enemy supply depot, besides exploding an enemy bivouac concentration.

There have been no major changes in the salient east of Manila. Enemy forces which penetrated the central lines began bitter artillery fire against our high positions east of San Mateo and started an attack on the morning of April 6, but our artillery units, together with trenchmortar units, concentrated withering fire and repulsed them, inflicting heavy losses.

30,000 American Casualties Since Start Of P.I. War

Philippines Reconquest Proves More Costly Than Anticipated

Lisbon, April 9 (Domei)—Indicating that the American invasion of the Philippines is proving more costly than what originally had been expected, a New York dispatch today said that although General Douglas MacArthur has made no new announcement of American casualties, a survey of recent reports indicate that the Americans have lost around 30,000 killed, missing or wounded since the beginning of the campaign.

Meantime, American troops were said to be encountering particularly bitter ground resistance in the Balete Pass sector in Northern Luzon. An American dispatch quoted the Commander of the American division operating in this sector as comparing the battle to the fighting that took place for the capture of Casino, Italy.

The Commander said that the Nipponese could not be blasted out by air or artillery action but must be dug out.

Luzon Front, April 8 (Domei)—Nippon forces entrenched in the sector east of Manila between February 21 and March 20 killed or wounded 8,493 enemy troops besides destroying or capturing large quantities of arms and ammunition. The latter comprised 31 automatic rifles, 36 trenchmortars, 16 tanks, 14 armoured cars, 36 motor lorries, 17 tractors, 10 passenger cars, 31 heavy and light machineguns and large quantities of ammunition and other supplies.

OKINAWA WAR ENTERS NEW AND BLOODY PHASE; ENEMY LOSS STEADILY MOUNTING

293 Enemy Warcraft Sunk, Damaged Off Okinawa In 16 Days

Tokyo, April 10 (Domei)—The enemy invasion fleet in waters around Main Okinawa Island has already lost the grand total of 293 surface craft to the devastating attacks carried out by Nippon surface and air units, according to a Domei tabulation of war results based on Dai Honyei announcements.

A total of 168 enemy surface craft, including nine aircraft-carriers and six battleships, is listed as definitely sunk, while 125 others, including three aircraft-carriers and five battleships, are known to have been heavily damaged. These war results were obtained in the course of sustained attacks against enemy surface units in waters around the main island of Okinawa in the 16-day period from March 23 up to the evening of April 7.

Competent Navy circles in Tokyo stressed that more than half of Nimitz's invasion armada has been wiped out. The American fleet in the Pacific has suffered crippling losses in first line battleships. Losses to the U.S. Navy around the Ryukyus included more than 12 crack aircraft-carriers. These quarters emphasised that these losses have made serious inroads into American striking power in the Pacific, and greatly imperilled the position of American forces in the Philippines.

As Nippon Fleet and air units rained blows on American shipping the crack Nipponese garrison on Okinawa has virtually brought the Americans to a standstill, after inflicting heavy losses on personnel and armour.

Anti-Axis despatches continue

Over 4,000 Enemy Troops Killed Or Wounded; 102 Tanks Knocked Out

A Nippon Base in the South-Western Islands, April 9 (Domei)—The fighting on Okinawa Main Island entered a new and increasingly bloody phase for the enemy when the Americans on April 7 contacted strong Nippon positions in the southern part of the island.

About noon on April 7, enemy forces, spearheaded by approximately 200 tanks, launched a strong offensive, preceded by fierce naval and artillery shelling.

Although the enemy kept up his attacks yesterday, the offensive attempt bogged down, owing to stiff Nippon opposition, resulting in heavy casualties to the invading troops.

War results achieved by the Nippon defenders confirmed up to the night of April 7 include approximately 4,000 enemy troops either killed or wounded, 102 tanks knocked out or set ablaze, 10 motor lorries and 33 guns of various calibre demolished and 15 landing barges damaged.

Meantime, Nippon warplanes were reported to be closely co-operating with the ground forces, inflicting heavy personnel losses on the enemy.

Apparently due to the intensity of Nippon attacks from land, sea and air, there has been a significant decrease in the number of enemy warcraft and transports off Okinawa Main Island.

to refer to the mounting intensity of Nipponese resistance on Okinawa. A San Francisco report stated on Monday that the Nipponese were pouring round-the-clock artillery fire against the Americans.

Indian Legislative Bodies Helpless And Impotent; Muslim League Adjournment Motion Disallowed

The utter impotency of the Legislative bodies in India and the helplessness of the elected members of the Central and Provincial Legislatures were clearly revealed in the course of the debate in the Central Indian Assembly, on Monday, according to latest reports received here.

When Nawab Sadiq Ali Khan of the Muslim League Party was about to table a motion for the adjournment of the House in order to discuss Sir Feroze Khan Noon's recent statement in London that India already enjoyed Dominion Status, the President informed the House that the Governor-General has disallowed the motion.

It will be recalled that a few days ago, Sir Feroze Khan Noon, the notorious puppet and confirmed hireling of the British,

while addressing the so-called Empire Conference in London, said that although on paper India may not be a Dominion, she has grown practically to Dominion Status.

This statement provoked considerable indignation among all political parties in India, and the elected members belonging to all parties in the Central Assembly wanted to denounce Sir Feroze Khan Noon's statement. But the British Viceroy protected his hireling by disallowing the motion for adjournment. Commenting on the Viceroy's high-handed action in disallowing the motion, well-informed political observers declare that this very action gives the lie to Sir Feroze Khan Noon's statement that India already enjoys the status of a Dominion. Meanwhile, the British autho-

rities in India are doing their best to loot as much of the country's wealth as possible before their final rout. According to a report from New Delhi, the British Government in India have announced the issue of a new loan of 40 crores of rupees, called the three per cent. First Development Loan 1970-75. The loan will be open to subscribers from April 16. The loan will be repayable not earlier than 1970 and not later than 1975.

It is understood that agents of the British Raj are going about the country and coercing the people to subscribe to the new loan because no Indian will ever voluntarily subscribe for this loan, which is repayable in 1970. The people of India know well that the British Raj will be ousted from India long before 1970.

163,486 Indian War Casualties Revealed

Lisbon, April 10 (Domei)—Indian casualties from the outbreak of the war to February 28, this year, amounted to 163,486, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill revealed in the House of Commons tonight, according to a London dispatch.

The figure broken down was said to include 19,420 killed, including died of wounds or injuries, 13,327, missing, 51,038 wounded and 79,701 prisoners of war.

Crushing Losses Inflicted On Foe In Lashio Sector

Burma Front, April 9 (Domei)—Nippon forces, which are fiercely hitting back against Sultan's First Army troops in the Lashio area, between March 1 and March 20 accounted for 1,321 enemy dead left on the battlefield, besides inflicting more than 3,700 other casualties.

During the same period, our forces took 55 prisoners, knocked out seven tanks and destroyed four motor lorries in addition to capturing one trenchmortar, three light machineguns and a large quantity of ammunition.

America's Imperialistic Designs In Pacific Area

Lisbon, April 9 (Domei)—Reflecting America's imperialistic designs in the Pacific, American Representative George Mahon, Texas Democrat, today asked Congress to declare itself in favour of retaining all of the Pacific islands "liberated" by the Americans, according to a Washington dispatch.

Claiming that such an action was based on security needs, Mahon said, "The world ought to know our position in this matter."

Major-General Hurley Returns To Chungking

Lisbon, April 10 (Domei)—Major-General Patrick Hurley, American Ambassador to Chungking, who arrived in London recently for a short visit after conferring with American officials in Washington, has left the British capital on his return trip to Chungking, according to an Associated Press dispatch from London.

'Mahabama Home Guard' Units To Be Formed

Rangoon, April 9 (Domei)—The Mahabama Asiayone Headquarters here has instructed all Mahabama neighbourhood associations in the city to immediately form in their respective jurisdictions "Mahabama Home Guard" units.

General De Gaulle's Life Plotted Against

Lisbon, April 10 (Domei)—That there is considerable dissatisfaction in France over General Charles de Gaulle, Head of the French Provisional Government, today was reflected in a Paris dispatch, quoting the French journal "Le Populaire" which reported that the French State Police recently nipped a plot to assassinate General De Gaulle.

Securing information that an attempt was to be made on De Gaulle's life, the Police and gendarmerie immediately set up roadblocks, and stopped a motor car and arrested two passengers believed connected with the plot, the dispatch said.

Furious Fighting Now Progressing For Vienna City

Berlin, April 9 (Domei)—Despite the most stubborn defence, the attacking Soviets succeeded in penetrating farther into the city of Vienna and fighting, which up till now raged in the southern and western Vienna suburbs, has now reached the northern section of the city, according to frontline dispatches. On the other hand, enemy forces are moving farther to the west along the Vienna-St. Pölten Road.

The German garrison of Koenigsberg was unable to prevent the enemy from advancing with numerically superior formations to its inner ring fortifications and heavy street fighting is in progress.

A concentric assault against the encircled Ruhr district is continuing and led also during the past 24 hours to a further narrowing down of the area despite undiminished fierce German resistance. Available reports indicate that the Americans are slowly pushing ahead into large industrial cities from the north, having approached the northern suburbs of the city of Essen.

From bridgeheads near Liebenau and Minden, the enemy launched new attacks northward and eastward with fresh reinforcements. However, these attacks were checked in hard fighting east of Nienburg and the Weser as well as west of Hanover, the Fuehrer's headquarters communique stated. Farther south Hildesheim was lost. Fighting is now raging for Weser crossings near Holzminden and Hoexter as well as in the area west of Goettingen.

Enemy parachutists who landed in north-eastern Holland behind the German front were routed. British formations advancing between the Ems and Weser rivers were engaged in fierce fighting, the German communique said. It added that a battalion of the 82nd American Airborne Division, which crossed the Rhine north of Cologne, was smashed up and a renewed crossing attempt was repulsed in a counter-thrust.

"King George V" Falls Victim To Clever U.S. Ruse

Tokyo, April 9 (Domei)—The 35,000-ton British battleship King George V, which was recently heavily damaged off Sakishima as the result of a concentrated Nippon aerial attack, appears to have been a victim of a clever American ruse to have the British Navy participate in the so-called "joint operations" in the Pacific.

American authorities, it seems, shrewdly secured British participation in the dangerous Okinawa naval operations by encouraging disparaging account about the British Navy—an act which aroused the British to demand a part in the Okinawa invasion.

In dividing the spheres of naval operation in the Okinawa sector, the Americans, however, assigned the British task force, including the King George V, to tackle Sakishima Islands—an exceedingly dangerous operation for the British considering the number of their war-vessels involved.

The Sakishima Islands, it will be noted, lie within hailing distance of Taiwan and within certain range of Nippon's special attack corps. The British may have been aware of their dangerous assignment, but they apparently could not back out, as they had "insisted" on an active role in the joint operations.

The outcome of the Sakishima operations was that the British task force found itself literally stirring a hornets' nest of special attack corps. Heavy damage was suffered by a large number of vessels of the British task force, including the pride of the British Navy—an inglorious fate.

It will be interesting to note whether the British will be anxious in the future to "insist" that they be allowed to take an active part in further joint operations.

Losses of ships to Britain, it must be remembered, are tougher to the British Fleet than the American Navy, whose replacement capacity is far greater than the former.

Bevin Tells Same Old Story In Parrot-Like Way

According to a despatch from Newcastle, British Minister of Labour, Ernest Bevin, said on Sunday last that the Indian problem is under careful study. With characteristic British hypocrisy Bevin stated, "We (meaning, the British) want the Indian people to have their liberty and their right of self-government but we believe it is in their interests and for the future peace of the world that they should remain associated with the British Commonwealth of Nations."

Bevin gave the same old excuse which the Britishers have been giving for continuing their domination over India. He said that if the British give up India, the country will soon be in the throes of a civil war. He had the cheek to say that the so-called British Commonwealth has found the key to liberty and unity being brought together in India.

He would have been right if he had said that Indians have lost both their liberty and their unity as a result of 200 years of British rule and the diabolical British policy of "Divide and Rule." Bevin thinks that a strong and determined Labour Government in Britain will win the confidence of the Indian people. But he forgets that the Indians have no faith in any British Government, whether it be Labour, Liberal or Conservative. Nationalist India is determined to oust the British and achieve India's complete independence.

Meanwhile, a despatch from London reveals that epidemics following in the wake of the British-made famine continues to take a heavy toll of lives throughout India. In view of the seriousness of the situation, the Central and Provincial Sub-Committees of the Indian Relief Committee in London met on Sunday and decided to make a fresh appeal for funds for Bengal relief and rehabilitation.

Finnish Govt. Resigns Due To Differences

Lisbon, April 9 (Domei)—The Finnish Radio intercepted here today said that Finnish Premier Juho Passikivi tendered the resignation of his Government to the Finnish President this morning but the latter requested the Ministers to carry on until a new Ministry is formed.

Passikivi is understood to have tendered the resignation of his Government over a dispute with Left Wing elements concerning the question of the President of the Finnish Parliament.

It will be recalled in this connection that Communist Party elements and other Left Wing groups recently scored heavily in the Finnish election and since have begun to assert themselves more strongly in the Finnish Parliament.

Konan Saiken Corrections

The following corrections in the list of 7th prizes of the Konan Saiken (22nd issue) (published in the Azad Hind of April 6) have been announced by the Nanpo Kaihatsu Kinko on behalf of the Malai Gunseikanbu:

902,392	should read	102,392;
588,783	should read	589,783;
562,992	should read	562,592;
326,753	should read	336,753;
107,055	should read	197,055.

Establishment Of World Fellowship Nippon War Aim

Tokyo, April 10 (Domei)—Nippon's aim in this war of self-defence is the establishment of universal fellowship based on reciprocity and equality, Shigenori Togo, newly-appointed Foreign Minister in the Suzuki Cabinet, declared in a press interview this afternoon following the assumption of his post. He said wartime diplomacy as a counter-part of military operations, should be carried out boldly but scrupulously in order to achieve this aim.

He said as clearly stated in the Imperial Rescript declaring war on Britain and America, Nippon was forced to take up arms in self-defence against the threat to her safety by the enemy's unreasonable pressure, adding this fact has been unwittingly admitted by Anglo-Americans themselves in documents and otherwise, subsequent to the outbreak of the War of Greater East Asia.

The attainment of universal fellowship based on reciprocity and equality is Nippon's aim in this war, and the liberation of the peoples of Greater East Asia springs from this war aim, the Foreign Minister asserted. He said not only Nippon's fate but the destiny of all Greater East Asia hinges on the outcome of the present hostilities. Herein lies the reason for the valiant all-out fighting of the entire Nippon nation as a special attack corps.

Declaring that Britain and America are deliberately frustrating the progress of mankind and wreaking destruction, the Foreign Minister said the enemy's inordinate ambition to gain world hegemony must be destroyed. Continuing, he pointed out that Nippon's war aim of maintaining and protecting the eternal Nippon State and at the same time the independence of East Asia, is truly consistent with the principles of international justice. Construction, not destruction, is Nippon's fervent desire, he declared.

In conclusion the Foreign Minister asserted that the fighting spirit of the Nippon nation, imbued with determination to attain this just desire, would be like well-tempered steel, and Nippon's war aim would be sure to succeed, no matter what obstacles may appear.

Malacca Observes Indian National Liberation Week

Malacca, April 7 (Domei)—Indians in Malacca are observing Indian National Liberation Week from April 7 to 13. During this week the local branch of the Independence League will launch a campaign for recruiting able-bodied men and women for service in the Indian National Army.

Efforts will also be made to swell the Indian war chest, and every Indian who has not taken the Oath of Allegiance Card and members' Badges has been notified to immediately enrol as a member within this week.

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